of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham) have also been provided funds under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) and Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Schemes for the implementation of specific projects to promote exports.

(b) and (c) Most such organizations are submitting Utilization Certificates (UCs) on a regular basis. However, further funds are not being released to organizations that have defaulted in the submission of Utilisation Certificates.

Export of Iron-Ore

†*363. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the companies that have been given approval for export of iron-ore;

(b) the quantum of iron-ore exported so far by these companies; and

(c) whether any import of iron-ore is also being made and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Iron ore is freely exportable, except high grade iron ore (+64% Iron content), which is under State 'Frading Regime through MMTC Ltd., High grade iron ore is also permitted for exports to mine owners/lease holders of iron ore mines against licences in pursuance of provisions under Foreign Trade Policy, 2004—2009. The Government granted permission to 17 such companies for export of High Grade Iron Ore (+ 64% Iron content) during the year 2005-2006 for a total quantity of 7.18 Million Metric Tonnes. List of companies is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) Company-wise data on exports is not compiled. However, as per figures provisionally available for export of High Grade Iron Ore during the year 2005-2006 (upto January, 2006), 12.38 Million Metric Tonnes was exported from the country.

(c) Yes, Sir. Approximately, 3.2 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Iron ore (Iron ore and concentrates) was imported during 2005-06 (upto Sept, 2005).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

List of Companies who were granted high grade Iron Ore export licences in the Financial Year 2005-06

Sl. No.	Name of Company (M/s)
1.	Kariganur Mineral Mining Industry
2.	Bharat Mines & Minerals
3.	Hothur Traders
4.	Zeenath Transport Co.
5.	Lakshminarayana Mining Co.
6.	Trident Minerals
7.	Vibhutigudda Mines Pvt. Ltd.
8.	Deccan Mining Syndicate Pvt. Ltd.
9.	V.S. Lad & Sons
10.	Kaypee Enterprises
11.	Rungta Mines Ltd.
12.	Essel Mining and Industries Ltd.
13.	Feegrade & Co. Ltd.
14.	Bonai Industrial Co. Ltd.
15.	Geetarani Mohanty
16.	Sesa Goa Ltd.
17.	Bellary Iron Ores Pvt. Ltd.

Export of Virginia Tobacco

*364. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the export targets of Virginia tobacco for 2006-07;

(b) the quantity of tobacco expected to be exported in 2006-07;